

IN HONOR OF BLACK LEADERSHIP  
AT KEYSpan

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of an outstanding organization that has been developed at KeySpan, Black Leadership at KeySpan, or BLAK, as it is known and their Chairperson, Renee McClure and Vice-chair, Ron Thompson and the entire BLAK organization, in recognition of their promotion of professional training, networking and community commitment.

In 2000, BLAK was created by KeySpan's Black employees with the support of Robert Catell—Chairman and CEO, Craig Mathews—Vice Chairman and COO, Colin Watson—Senior VP, Strategic Marketing and Elaine Weinstein, Senior VP of Human Resources, and senior management to establish an entity within the organization whose vision is: To be a resource for fostering leadership, excellence and community commitment among Black employees for the benefit of the corporation and its stakeholders.

In September of 2001, BLAK held its first "Executive Connection" day, providing BLAK members and the senior managers of KeySpan a forum to come together, exchange ideas, and establish relationships. BLAK recognizes that in order to be an effective organization it must develop communications throughout the corporation as a whole. As part of this effort, BLAK has taken part in one of KeySpan's monthly breakfast meetings to inform management about BLAK and has established an internal website and quarterly newsletter to keep its members informed.

BLAK has also established a number of committees to address the concerns of its members. One committee is the Community Involvement Committee (CIC). While a number of options were discussed reflecting the wide interests of its members, CIC felt that one of the most effective ways would be to become actively involved in two community high schools, and hopefully to expand their involvement with many other local schools in the future. BLAK's professional development initiatives include a resume bank, a coaching program, and a mentoring program. The variety of programs and services offered by BLAK illustrates a talented and eager membership. This membership also reflects the outstanding leadership of BLAK's Chair Renee McClure and Vice-chair Ronald Thompson. These two individuals along with the executive board, committees, advisors, and senior management continue to develop an outstanding organization that promotes growth, development and the community commitment that makes KeySpan such a tremendous asset to the community. As such, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable organization and its leaders.

HONORING THE PEOPLE OF SAN  
GABRIEL

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of San Gabriel, California as they celebrate the 75th anniversary of their legendary and beautiful San Gabriel Civic Auditorium.

Throughout its rich history, the Auditorium has played host to hundreds of performances delighting audiences from the San Gabriel Valley and around the world. The Auditorium has also been admired for its beauty and historical character by hundreds of thousands of residents of nearby cities and visitors to Southern California. The San Gabriel Civic Auditorium was designed and built by John Steven McGroarty, from nearby Tujunga, and was dedicated on March 5, 1927. McGroarty went on to become the first poet laureate of California and a U.S. Congressman from 1935 to 1939 representing the region of Southern California that I am proud to serve. McGroarty built the theater specifically for his production, "Mission Play," which told the story of the founding of the California missions by the Franciscans under the leadership of Father Junipero Serra. McGroarty designed the façade of the theatre to look much like his favorite California mission, San Antonio de Padua in Monterey County. The "Mission Play" ran for five years and gave a total of 3,198 performances.

The theatre was closed in 1932 during the height of the Great Depression. But a group of concerned San Gabriel residents formed a citizens' committee with the goal of having the city purchase the theatre and reopen it. Thankfully, they were successful, and in 1945 the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium re-opened its doors again to the community. Since its re-opening, the theatre has seen a wealth of America's greatest performers. Notables such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Ginger Rogers, Raymond Burr, Jo Anne Worley, and even Bob Hope have graced its fine stage.

This year, the same stage will play host to a number of culturally diverse performances and festivities. The first of these performances will be the music of the Orchestra of the Californias. This newly formed orchestra is a product of bi-national cooperation. Formed by the Commission of the Californias, under the auspices of Governor Gray Davis of California, Governor Leonel Cota-Montañón of Baja California Sur, and Governor Eugenio Elorduy-Walther of Baja California, the Orchestra of the Californias has become the headline performer of a musical tour throughout California and Mexico. This is the first time that the governors of the three Californias have joined to present such a significant cultural achievement. On February 15, 2002, the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium will be the only theatre in Los Angeles County to welcome the Orchestra of the Californias. Under the direction of maestro David Atherton, the orchestra will play an assortment of classical favorites for what I am sure will be an appreciative audience.

I ask all Members of Congress to join Congresswoman HILDA SOLIS and me in congratulating the people of San Gabriel as they celebrate the 75th year of their beautiful San Gabriel Civic Auditorium.

IN HONOR OF SISTER IRENE  
SMITH STRICKLAND

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Sister Irene Smith Strickland in recognition of her one-hundredth birthday.

Irene was the first of eleven children born on February 9, 1902 in Hampton, South Carolina to Margaret and John Smith. She moved to New York City in 1927 and joined the Corner Stone Baptist Church, where she served as an Usher.

Sister Strickland was married to the late Troy Strickland who passed away in June 1988. She and Troy had one son who passed away in June of 1993. She also has one daughter in law, four grandsons, two grand daughters, and six great grandchildren.

In November of 1939 she joined Zion Baptist Church where she also served as an Usher. She also worked on the nurses unit as a personal nurse to the late Rev. B.J. Lowery.

In June of 1939, Irene was initiated into Omega Chapter #48 Order of Eastern Stars serving in all capacities. She is, a member of the 2nd Masonic District and will be celebrating her birthday on February 17 at the Ridged Masonic Temple.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Irene Smith Strickland has lived through more than most of us will ever know. It is my pleasure to join in the celebration of her one-hundredth birthday, a milestone that many of us hope to reach. As such she is more than worthy of receiving this recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR  
AND MRS. W.C. SCALES, SR. ON  
THEIR 68TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

## HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2002*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating a wonderful couple who have reached a magnificent milestone in their lives, Pastor and Mrs. W.C. Scales, Sr., who will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on March 7, 2002.

William C. Scales, Sr. and Myra E. Scales were united in holy matrimony on March 7, 1934, in the beautiful city of Charleston, West Virginia. Throughout their marriage, Pastor and Mrs. Scales have maintained a strong partnership, working together in ministry and giving so generously of themselves to their church and their community. After becoming a successful businessman in West Virginia, Pastor Scales moved his family to Cleveland, Ohio where there were even greater employment opportunities. As a faithful Seventh-day Adventist, he refused to work on the Sabbath, but he was able to follow his trade with Sabbath privileges. Pastor Scales and his wife faithfully served the Cleveland, Ohio Glenville

Church in practically every capacity of leadership. In 1943, Pastor Scales entered the organized work of the church as a literature evangelist in the Ohio Conference. He began conducting Bible study and was so successful that 17 of the 23 in attendance were baptized. Pastor and Mrs. Scales had many accomplishments over the years. Mrs. Scales shared her musical gift as a soloist, and her personal evangelism skills as a part time Bible Instructor. She is a fantastic cook and has a special gift of encouraging and nurturing those to whom she ministers. From 1945 to 1950, Pastor Scales became Associate Publishing Director, Allegheny Conference; from 1950 to 1966, he was a Singing Evangelist and Bible Instructor in summer evangelism; in the early 1950s, he became Lay Pastor of Bethel S.D.A. Church in Cleveland, Ohio; in 1964, he became the first full time male Bible Instructor for Allegheny Conference; from 1965 to 1971, he began working with his son, Elder W.C. Scales, Jr., as part of the Allegheny Conference Evangelistic Team and coauthored the Real Truth Bible Courses; from 1971 to 1973, he received his ministerial license, and became Assistant Pastor of Baltimore Berea Temple Church; from 1974 to 1976, he served as pastor of Asbury Park, New Jersey District; In 1976, he ordained to the gospel ministry at the Allegheny East Camp Meeting; from 1976 to 1980, he served as pastor of Portsmouth, Virginia District; in 1978, he assisted his son in conducting the Georgetown, Guyana, Crusade; in 1980, he officially retired from organized work and Mrs. Scales retired as a part time Bible Instructor. Pastor and Mrs. Scales have remained active in retirement. Among other things, Pastor Scales has authored an autobiography entitled "Born to Win Souls," and coauthored with his son a book entitled "Practical Evangelism Sermons and Soul-winning Techniques," and conducts workshops and occasional preaching appointments.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FLINDERS  
UNIVERSITY INTERNSHIP PRO-  
GRAM

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2002*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to offer a tribute to Megan Wells and all the others who have contributed to the Flinders University Internship Program.

The effects of the terrorist attacks on September 11th have resonated in the hearts and minds of every American from Maine to California. Half-way around the world in Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, five of Australia's best and brightest young people were faced with a difficult decision. The question in Adelaide was simple enough. Would a group of five university students continue on with their plans to travel to Washington, DC to work in four congressional offices and a news organization as part of their American Studies degree? Fortunately for us all, the students answered with a resounding yes.

Three years ago, the Flinders University of Australia inaugurated a Washington, DC internship program for top students within its American Studies Department. Most of the interns work in congressional offices—making

this program unique certainly for Australian universities and quite possibly for any university system not based in the United States. The program is directed in Washington, DC on volunteer basis by former congressional staffer, Eric Federling.

Mr. Federling's work reflects the understanding that it is in our national interest for the future leaders of the world to understand how our Congress operates. This program is based on the idea of creating lasting bonds by "putting good people with good people in good places" for serious, intensive internships. And, as the Australians would say, to help bridge the "tyranny of distance."

Since the beginning of January, I've had the pleasure to host Megan, who is completing her degree in International Studies. She has exhibited an excellent comprehension of travel and tourism issues and has played an active role in maintaining a link between the United States and Australia. She boosted our morale long before she arrived simply by wanting to venture half-a-world away. I am extremely grateful to her parents, Kerry and Peter Haysman, who have been willing to share their daughter Megan with the people of the 17th District of California.

The Flinders University internship program hits upon a modest formula for successful international exchanges in large part due to the active support of both American and Australian governments. I have not been the only member so fortunate to have participated in this program. Toulas Skiladas of Broken Hill in New South Wales has worked in the office of Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD; Miranda Ramsay of Unley, South Australia has assisted Representative LOUISE SLAUGHTER and her staff; Rachel Mules of Penola, South Australia has joined my California colleague LORETTA SANCHEZ; and Patrick Armitage of North Adelaide has helped explain Washington, DC to the school-aged audiences of Channel One News.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank everyone involved in creating and shepherding this internship program from its initial concept to the thriving institution it has become. They have done this nation and the Australian people numerous proud acts of public service, which I hope will continue for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF W. ROGER  
HAUGHTON

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2002*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute W. Roger Haughton for his longstanding commitment to the San Francisco community. Roger is the Chairman and CEO of The PMI Group, Inc., ed in San Francisco. Roger was honored at the Bay Area's Junior Achievement Spirit of Achievement Gala, held on December 11, 2001, which was attended by over 500 executives of the Bay Area community. Roger was presented with the "Spirit of Achievement" Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional entrepreneurial success, leadership and commitment to their community. The honor symbolizes the "spirit of achievement" that Junior Achievement instills in thousands of Bay Area youth

each year through its economic education curriculum.

Roger Haughton and The PMI (Private Mortgage Insurance) Group, Inc. embody the community citizenship and spirit of philanthropy that Junior Achievement endeavors to instill in children across the Bay Area. PMI Group has also been an ardent supporter of the Bay Area community. Through its products and services, and working closely with mortgage lenders, PMI Group has developed many affordable mortgage programs to help families realize their dreams of home ownership. They believe that homeownership helps build strong families which helps build strong communities.

In addition to his role of Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of The PMI Group, Inc., Roger has a long history of active volunteerism with various affordable housing organizations including Habitat for Humanity, which has constructed affordable housing for families throughout the United States. Roger is also on the board as well as being former chairman of Social Compact, a Washington, D.C. organization dedicated to promoting revitalization of America's inner cities, and is also on the board of San Francisco's Bay Area Council.

I am proud to join my constituents in thanking and praising Roger Haughton for his dedication to the Bay Area community. Roger's dedication to the community through his involvement in nonprofit organizations makes him a worthy recipient of the Spirit of Achievement Award. Roger Haughton and PMI are pillars of the Bay Area community; they are servants of exemplary citizenship and spirited philanthropy. We are truly blessed for their generosity and commitment.

LEWIS AND CLARK AND GLOBAL  
WARMING

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2002*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation and admiration for the students of Lewis and Clark College, which is in my district and is my alma mater. Frustrated with the leadership of this country, these forward-looking students have decided to take the matter of climate change into their hands.

In order to fight global warming, the students have voted to raise their annual student fees by \$10 per student per year. In fact, in a voter turnout that's twice what we see for special elections for local governments, 83.3 percent of the students voted yes. The fee increase will raise enough money to make Lewis and Clark College compliant with the Kyoto treaty through the purchase of "offsets" from the Climate Trust, a non-profit organization. The offset projects that the new fee would support include a web-based commuter matching system that will reduce car traffic in Portland, investments in landfill gas recovery system, and helping to preserve forests on Native American lands in the Northwest.

Studies at Lewis and Clark College have shown that increased parking fees, better transit, and a higher number of students living on campus have had a positive effect on the college's green house gas emissions. In this way,